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ALACHUA COUNTY IS A GOOD ONE

Productive Lands, Phosphate, Turpentine and Lumber.

MANY VALUABLE INDUSTRIES.

One of the Largest, Wealthiest and Most Populous Counties in the State.

Centrally situated, large in area, rich in resources and a leader in commendable enterprises is Alachua, the third county of Florida in point of population, and the first in the number of important towns.

While some of the lands in Alachua county are considered poor, the term is applicable only when comparing such lands with those which are really rich, and it is a notorious fact that all Florida soil is more productive than one unacquainted with it would be inclined to believe until crops have been seen growing on it. Some of Alachua county's very white sandy soil is surprisingly productive.

No county in the State can boast of more valuable cotton growing lands than are found right here in Alachua county. There is no better truck and vegetable lands in the State than are thousands of acres surrounding Gainesville, the county capital. Corn, cotton, cane, potatoes (Irish and sweet), peaches, pears, and many other farm products can be grown here with as little expense and great profit as anywhere in the State. Pecans, peaches and plums do well in our soil, and many acres are being devoted to them.

Since the disastrous and discouraging freeze of a few years ago the people have not returned to the cultivation of oranges as they really should have done, and as many now wish they had done, but those who did not give up their groves after the freeze are again realizing handsome profits from them, and today there are a few real beautiful and profitable orange groves in the county, and we predict that orange trees will again become common and profitable right here in the city of Gainesville. There are already some bearing trees within the city limits and they are beautiful.

Alachua county is one of the foremost counties in the production of naval stores, lumber and phosphate. There are a large number of turpentine distilleries and lumber mills in the county, and we are reliably informed that the owners of them are making money. No county in the State has yet excelled Alachua in the production of high grade phosphate rock, and many of the phosphate men have grown rich, and many poor men on whose lands the rock was discovered in paying quantities have received fabulous prices for the lands which a few years ago were considered almost worthless, and today many citizens of the county who were real poor a few years ago are well-to-do, while hundreds of laborers find employment in the mines that enable them to support themselves and families well.

Paines Prairie—not far from Gainesville—affords thousands of acres of fine cattle range as can be found in the State, and thousands of horses and cattle have been raised on this prairie during the past few years at almost no cost to their owners, and the lakes and sinks adjacent to the prairie, and in many other sections of the county abound in almost every kind of fish that inhabit fresh water, while wild ducks and other water fowls glide majestically on the placid bosom of these homes of the fish, and the shooting of these fowls afford splendid sport for our local sportsmen and visitors who spend the winters here. In the fields are found an abundance of quail, doves and other field game, while in the hammocks are found the nimble squirrel, the cunning fox, the raccoon, the opossum, the wild cat, and occasionally a bear, a deer and a few wild turkeys. On the hill tops are found the famous gopher, the long eared rabbit and the beautiful little animal that doesn't emit exactly the same kind of odor that arises from a basket of ripe peaches—the polecat—and the not at all beautiful but interesting alligator is found wherever there is much water.

Alachua county can boast of no large cities, but no other county in the State has as many important small cities and towns. Gainesville, the county seat, has including North Gainesville, which is outside of the city limits, between five and six thousand inhabitants. High Springs, Alachua, Wauchula, Micanopy, Hawthorn, Melrose, Windsor, Rochelle, LaCrosse, Newberry, Waldo and Bell, are all prosperous Alachua county towns of from 2,000 to a few hundred population each, and there are yet other prosperous little villages and towns in the county. Almost all of these cities, towns and villages have nice and costly churches, and school buildings, and very few counties in the State have more miles of railroad and telegraph lines. The East Florida Seminary (in Gainesville) is the pride of the State; the Gainesville public school is excelled by no other public school in Florida, and there are many other schools in the county of which our people are justly proud. The county has three banks (two in Gainesville and one in High Springs), three ice factories (two in

Gainesville and one in High Springs), four secular newspapers (two in Gainesville, one in Alachua and one in High Springs), two church and one school paper (all in Gainesville) the people of Alachua county are waking up on the good roads question, and we hope to see better roads in the not far distant future. Alachua is a great county, but it has suffered terribly for want of proper advertising. Lands are good and cheap, and what we need now is a honest thrifty farmer to come here from some less favored section of the country, help develop the county, and thereby add to their own happiness and ours.

THE CUMMER COMPANY.

Will Manufacture Naval Stores in Alachua County.

According to the Times-Union of the 18th inst., the Cumer Lumber Company, which owns immense bodies of timber lands in Alachua and other Florida counties, will now begin the manufacture of naval stores in the section between Gainesville and Newberry. The T-U says:

"The Cumer Lumber Company, through its special representative, J. A. Bicknell, has taken up the development of its turpentine timber, and will locate two large turpentine distilleries between Newberry and Gainesville. "The location of the two distilleries means the working of forty-five crops, and the working of forty-five crops means the development of about ten thousand acres, or four hundred and fifty thousand boxes.

"It is a significant fact that this is the first venture made by this firm in the turpentine industry, though for years they have operated one of the largest forest-productive enterprises in the State of Florida. When questioned as to why at this time they were entering the turpentine field, for such a number of years they had devoted their energies and attention to other forest products, Mr. W. E. Cumer answered:

"It has been a matter of some wonder to timber and turpentine operators why we have not entered the turpentine business before, but the reason has been sufficient to ourselves. It is recognized that the turpentine of the timber has a decidedly deleterious result, but we are to use the Healy system."

"The Healy system has been repeatedly explained. It is the result of experiments made by Dr. Charles H. Herby, who is Government expert in the bureau of forestry, and who is spending the winter in Florida in the extension of his work, with headquarters at Jacksonville."

Dates for Speaking.

At the solicitation of certain of my friends I have consented to give nine days partly to politics while inspecting certain schools for the purpose of determining whether or not they are entitled to State aid under a recent act. Up to this time I have not attended a political meeting nor devoted one day to politics, and when these nine days shall have expired I propose to resume my public duties until the proper time arrives, in my judgment to begin the campaign for the primaries of next year.

I will meet the people to discuss public education, and politics, at the following places and dates:

Newberry, Saturday, day, Nov. 21.
Jennings Lake, Monday, day, Nov. 23.
High Springs, Tuesday, night, Nov. 24.
LaCrosse, Wednesday, day, Nov. 25.
Gainesville, Friday, Nov. 27.
Lake Butler, Saturday, day, Nov. 28.
My opponents all are earnestly requested to meet me, equal time will be accorded them. The searchlight of truth will be thrown upon the Booker Washington incident and other matters misrepresenting me and circulated to my injury.

Candidates for other offices can address the audience after the candidates for State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall have spoken.

Respectfully,
WM. N. SHERATS

Important Notice.

Our contract with the Argo Portrait Company, of Chicago, will end January 1st next. All customers holding tickets for \$15 in trade, and \$3.50 for a frame, will call and select frames between now and January 1st, as everything will be settled by that time, and all frames not sold will be returned to the company.

This is to give all our customers ample time to get pictures and select frames, so there will be no dissatisfaction.

O'DONALD & SAUNDERS,
Gainesville, Fla.

November 11-61.

Released on Bond.

I. U. Malphurs, who has been confined in the county jail during the past year awaiting trial for the killing of his nephew, was released on a \$500 bond Wednesday. It is alleged that the killing of young Malphurs by his uncle, near LaCrosse, occurred while the slayer was under the influence of liquor, and was being annoyed by young Malphurs and some companions. The case could not be tried at the last term of the court, and Judge Wills has consented to admit the prisoner to bail.

If you have a house, or room, or set of rooms to rent, advertise same in The Star. If you are too busy to come to the office just phone us the wording of your ad. Our phone is No. 36.

WIDEMAN ACQUITTED.

Not Guilty of Assault and Battery Say the Jury.

The case of the State vs. Jno. W. Wideman, a former principal of the Gainesville Graded and High School, charged with assault and battery, was commenced in Judge Mason's court Tuesday morning, and the case was not concluded until near noon Wednesday.

The case was a hard fought one on both sides, and many witnesses—principally teachers and students—were examined. Attorneys B. A. Thrasher and C. C. Thomas appeared for the prosecution, and Syd L. Carter for the defense.

The following named gentlemen were accepted and sworn as jurors: W. L. Hill, foreman; G. K. Boone, E. K. Fagan, W. T. Jackson, C. R. Spivey and S. B. Banknight. The trial of the case extended far into the night Tuesday, and then a recess was taken till Wednesday morning, when the trial was resumed.

Some of the many witnesses who were examined were subjected to rather rigid cross-examinations, and some of the answers brought smiles to the faces of even the court and jury. The case went to the jury shortly before noon Wednesday, and after being out but a short time, a verdict of "not guilty" was brought in.

Our readers are probably familiar enough with the case, as much has been said about it during the past few months, and it has been mentioned several times in the Star. Prof. Wideman, while he was principal of the Gainesville Graded and High School, whipped Donald Smith, a small son of Mrs. W. Lee Smith, rather severely. He alleges the whipping was administered because the boy drew and exhibited to other students an indecent picture. Mrs. Smith alleges that her son did not do all of the drawing of which he was accused, and that the whipping administered by Wideman was cruel and outrageous. She appealed to the school trustees, who exonerated the principal. She appealed to the courts, and the result was as stated above.

HIGH SPRINGS POLITICS.

City Ticket Nominated There Tuesday Night.

A municipal election will be held in High Springs December 8, and the Democratic Club of the city met in Newberry's Hall Tuesday night and nominated a ticket which is not expected to have any opposition.

The ticket nominated, and which the club is pledged to support at the coming election in December, is as follows: For mayor, E. B. Clark; for aldermen, W. W. Stroble, E. K. Anderson, A. E. Adams, Sam Phifer; for marshal and collector, C. C. Harwell; for clerk and treasurer, W. N. Gramling; for assessor, Wayland Roberts.

There were two candidates for mayor, seven for aldermen, three for marshal and collector, two for clerk and treasurer and three for assessor, and much interest was manifested, but the meeting was harmonious and the defeated candidates took their defeat good naturedly.

We Appreciate This.

The editor of The Star certainly appreciates compliments like the following from Mr. W. A. Cleveland, Dora, Indiana:

"Yes, I received the paper you sent me, and I receive the Gainesville Star regularly, and am thankful to you for them. I think the Star is a good paper; it is on the right side of the temperance question, and I hope every county in Florida will finally go dry, and stay dry. May the Lord bless the people of Florida; especially the editor of the Gainesville Star."

I send you the above extract from a letter from my uncle, W. A. Cleveland, of Dora, Ind., so that you may see how he appreciates you and your paper. "Uncle Billy" is in his eightieth year. He is a cousin of ex-President Grover Cleveland. This kinship adds nothing to "Uncle Billy," but to Grover.

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs.) W. T. MORRIS,
Archer, Fla.

Nov. 19.

A Horrible Find.

News comes from the Gulf Hammock of a horrible discovery recently made. Mrs. Alford, an eccentric old lady who lived all alone since the death of her husband which occurred about a year ago, occasionally came to Bronson for supplies. She, like her husband, was a morphine fiend. We have not learned the particulars, but are told that neighbors who approached the house found buzzards surrounding it, and entering they found the body of Mrs. Alford horribly decomposed. The faithful dog was shut in the house with his dead mistress, and the horse was found in the stable nearly starved. It was a most gruesome find.—Livy Times-Democrat, Nov. 19.

Will Decide Today.

The county commissioners will meet today to decide whether they will accept or reject the road machinery which has been undergoing a test a few miles east of the city during the past few days. It is the opinion of some that the machinery has not given satisfaction during the test, but we shall soon know what the commissioners are going to do about it.

Have your clothing cleaned at Owen Lloyd's Dye Works. July 14, 11

A DISASTROUS FIRE.

Colored Methodist Church and Parsonage Consumed.

Shortly after noon Wednesday, a fire alarm was turned in which summoned the fire department to Mt. Pleasant Methodist church (colored) parsonage. The fire had gained too much headway before the alarm was sent in, and the parsonage was almost consumed before the department arrived. The large church—partly brick and partly wood—stood only a few feet from the parsonage, caught fire between the tin roof and ceiling, and notwithstanding the heroic efforts of the firemen, the water could not be gotten to the blaze until it burst forth from the tower and other points of the building, and so fervent was the heat that only the saving of other nearby buildings was hoped for.

Johnsoa's Hall and several smaller wooden structures were fired by flying sparks—there being considerable breeze at the time—but these little fires were extinguished, and only the church and parsonage were utterly destroyed.

The fire originated in the parsonage occupied by the pastor of the church, Rev. J. M. Deas, and he and his wife being absent at the time, lost all of their household goods. The organ and pews were taken from the church, but were damaged by water and rough handling. The damage is estimated at about \$5,000, and is partly covered by insurance.

Interfered With Officers.

A few nights ago Deputy Sheriffs C. L. Braam and Jack Brown arrested about twenty-five negro gamblers at Williford, and while the officers were guarding their prisoners in a house there, it is alleged that some white men named Boon, Ricks, Cannon, Bryant, McArthur, and perhaps some others, entered the house, put out the lights, and told the negroes to leave, which they did.

Sheriff Pennell sent Deputy Sheriff Cheeves down there last night with warrants for the arrest of the white men, who will have to answer in court to the serious charge of interfering with officers in the discharge of their duty.

Dr. Holmes Here.

Dr. J. B. S. Holmes, of Atlanta, president of the Georgia Medical Board, and one of Georgia's most prominent physicians and surgeons, spent yesterday in the city, the guest of his old time friend, Sheriff L. W. Pennell. He left last night for Atlanta. Tonight Sheriff Fennel and his sister, Mrs. Perry Granger, will go to Atlanta, where Mrs. Granger will be operated on by Dr. Holmes to reduce a tumor. This good lady's many friends hope the operation will be a successful one, and that she may soon return home well.

Henry Richard Killed.

News was received in this city yesterday afternoon to the effect that Henry Richard had been killed by the Bennett brothers at Lawley, in Bradford county. Richard was well known in Gainesville and Alachua county. At the time of his death he was a deputy sheriff under Sheriff John Bradford, and it is thought that the killing was the result of some previous trouble between Richard and one of the Bennetts.

Try Fagan's market for best meats.

Mrs. J. N. Strobhar has returned from a visit to friends in Savannah.

B. H. Powell, merchant of High Springs, was in the city yesterday.

Dr. J. L. Kelley has returned from Palatka, where he went Tuesday on business.

Old newspapers, suitable for wrapping purposes, 15 cts. a hundred or 25 for 5 cts., at THE STAR office.

The Adventists conference which is in session here this week is being largely attended.

If you want money to buy or build a home, pay off mortgage, or contract for profitable investment see Movers.

Capt. G. H. Kelley of Prairie Creek was a business visitor to Gainesville Wednesday.

Our line of crockery and glassware, on the second floor, is the most complete line ever seen in this city. L. C. Smith.

J. C. Newberry of High Springs, and Charles Wells of Alachua, were in Gainesville Tuesday.

Giddings' Hair Grower does the work. For Sale by Dr. S. B. Giddings, Gainesville, and the Postoffice Drug Store, High Springs, Fla.

E. K. Anderson, L. C. Gracy and J. C. Newberry, were in the city yesterday from High Springs.

If it is job printing you want just send your order to the Star. It will have prompt attention, and work and prices will suit you.

Capt. Jno. Pennell of Melrose was a guest of his brother, Sheriff L. W. Pennell, this city, Wednesday.

Furnished rooms with privilege of cold and hot bath. Unfurnished rooms, and rooms for light housekeeping, for rent, by Mrs. L. A. Thrasher, East Main St.

Capt. Wm. Budd, stock claim agent for the A. C. L., with headquarters in St. Petersburg, was in the city Tuesday.

Miss Olive Ulmer, one of Monticello's most popular young ladies is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. T. Chesnut, this city.

Mr. E. B. Godwin of High Springs, and Mr. C. H. Crisman of Micanopy, are authorized to take subscriptions and collect for THE STAR. See them about it.

On account of the absence of Pastor Hay, who was attending Synod at Madison, there was no prayermeeting service at the Presbyterian church last night.

Bring us your cotton, and price our goods. If you can do better elsewhere than with us, no harm done, but give us a trial. G. W. Easterlin & Co., High Springs, Fla.

Mr. Perry M. Colson and Mrs. Colson, prominent people from Gainesville, are spending a few days in the city, and are located at the Aragon.—Yesterday's Times-Union.

In our shoe department you will be sure to find shoes that will suit you, whether you want them to stand in or walk in, to dance in or talk in, we have them. L. C. Smith.

A great many ducks are being killed on the prairie now. Hunters say there are more there now than have been for years and large numbers are being brought to town each day.

In our jewelry department we have ladies' watches that keep time—but yet are as dainty and ornamental as any one could wish for. At a liberal range of prices too. L. C. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. Dowling and two charming daughters, Misses Georgia and Lilly, of Live Oak, are among the prominent visitors here this week, in attendance upon the annual conference of the Second Adventists.

Have you tried Giddings' Hair Grower? Others have tried it and pronounced it good. For sale at S. B. Giddings' Drug Store, Gainesville, and Postoffice Drug Store, High Springs.

Mrs. T. P. Hay, wife of Rev. T. P. Hay of Gainesville, Fla., left for her home Monday, after a visit to friends in the city in company with Mr. Hay, who went to Madison to attend the Presbyterian synod.—Times-Union, yesterday.

Sterling silver for wedding gifts is always satisfactory. It adds a charming touch to the young couple's housekeeping. We can show you pretty trifles and pretentious prices. L. C. Smith.

Elder J. T. Johnson, pastor of the Advent Christian Church in this city, is spending the week in Gainesville with his family, where he is attending the annual conference of the South Georgia and Florida Advent Christian denomination.—Tampa Times.

Busy men have too many vexations to put up with any but the best pen. We will guarantee to prove the claim that any man can be suited with a Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen. For sale by L. C. Smith.

Mr. J. A. Davenport, a popular young man who has been one of the popular salesmen in the store of G. W. Hyde for a year or more, will leave tomorrow for Helena, Ga., where he will accept a position with his father, who does an extensive mercantile business there.

During the excitement at the fire Tuesday afternoon Rev. W. J. Carpenter had the misfortune to get one of his ankles sprained so that he has gone on crutches since. We are glad to report that he was some better last night, and his friends hope he will soon recover the use of the wounded member.

The Tampa Morning Tribune of Wednesday has the following to say about the marriage of a popular young lady who once resided in Gainesville, where she has many friends: "The wedding of Miss Ora Morse and Mr. William Quincy Bryan will occur at 7 o'clock this morning at St. Andrew's church. The church will be handsomely decorated and the scene will be informal and charming."

J. A. Holloway, the piano dealer of Gainesville, has been spending several days in Plant City. Mr. Holloway has but recently moved to Gainesville, but he is well pleased with that rapidly growing city. Especially is he pleased with the quick, decisive work of banishing blind tigers. We have places in Plant City that Mr. Holloway states would not live four hours in Gainesville.—Plant City Courier.

The Dark Room Abolished. All films developed by daylight. Eastman's Demonstrator will show how, from 2 to 6 p. m., Monday, Nov. 23, at Robert McClellan's Kodak Store. This exhibition will be instructive to every owner of a kodak. All are cordially invited.

HAIR GROWER.

Brooklyn, N. Y., April 21, '99.

Dr. S. B. Giddings,
Dear Sir:—Will you kindly inform me by return mail if you can send your 50c. bottle of Hair Grower the Unparalleled (Trade Mark) and if so I will send you a postal note for the same. Please inform me the amount of postage if it can be mailed.

When in Florida the winter of 1897 and '98 I used five bottles of the twenty-five cent size and produced a nice growth of hair where it had been entirely bald for fifteen years, and now I would like to try it once more if I can get it.

Yours truly,
J. W. HAYNES.

State of Florida,
County of Alachua,
City of Gainesville.

Personally appeared before the subscriber, a Notary Public, in and for the State of Florida, at large, S. B. Giddings, who being duly sworn by me deposes and says that the above testimonial was sent to him by mail by J. W. Haynes, a man whom he had never seen or heard of, also that he had no knowledge of the man ever having used or procured the Unparalleled Hair Grower, and as far as he knows no one had influenced him to send it, and that the man has never received anything for sending it.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of November, A. D. 1902.
S. B. GIDDINGS, M. D.
J. M. RIVERS,
Notary Public for the State of Florida at large.

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